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Commissioner Jane E. Henney Parklawn Building, Rm 14-71 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney,

I understand that you are in discussion of whether to allow the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. I feel that this should not be permitted as the addition of antibiotics to feed, in order to promote animal growth, can allow for the creation of bacteria that are resistant to those antibiotics. This can leave physicians with no way to treat life-threatening bacterial infections in humans. Medical professionals have already begun to see super viruses that are resistant to cure through traditional antibiotics. I support the petition filed by the Center for Science in the Public Interest to end this practice.

Sincerely,

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